

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR JULY 20

### MOSES CALLED TO DELIVER ISRAEL.

LESSON TEXT—Ex. 3:1-14. Read the entire chapter.  
GOLDEN TEXT—"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8.

Last week we learned that Moses had a vision of a great need; in today's lesson there is revealed to Moses the other half of the lesson, viz., One who could meet that need; One who could supply all that was lacking when Moses made his first ill-advised attempt to free his kinsmen.

#### Bush and Voice.

I. The Manner of Moses' Call. His call came in the midst of his labor as a shepherd. God does not set a premium upon idleness and his greatest revelation came through two very common agencies, a bush and a voice. There were probably many other such bushes on the back side of the desert, but this one is distinguished by the presence of Jehovah. Moses turned aside to see this "great sight." Why was it not consumed? Because it was divinely lighted. Having secured his attention Jehovah spoke to Moses, called to him out of the midst of the bush. When men pause in the faithful discharge of the common tasks of life and consider God it will not be long before they will hear his still, small voice. God's call is never to the idler and is generally through the common agencies and experiences of life. The time is ripe for deliverance. God had tested Moses for forty years. Now God is ready to reveal himself here upon Horeb, the mountain of God. Jehovah's presence is symbolized by the fire (see chapter 13:21, 22 and 19:18). The lowly bush suggests the incarnation. In Jesus humanity was on fire with the presence of God, yet was not consumed.

II. The Purpose of Moses' Call. This was two-fold: (a) Deliverance from sorrow, oppression and the task masters of Egypt (type of sin) vv. 9, 10, 17. (b) Deliverance to freedom, a better land, to service, worship and riches, vv. 8, 12, 21, 22. Moses made ready response to the voice of God saying, "Here am I" (v. 4). He had not grown cold and cynical during his shepherd days, but rather was more keen and teachable. He had, however, another lesson to learn, viz., the majesty and holiness of God. So it was he is halted and commanded to remove his shoes (v. 5). The Christian can draw nigh with boldness (Heb. 10:19) but he must remember to do so with "reverence and awe" (Heb. 12:28, 29).

#### God's Answer.

III. The Credentials That Accompanied Moses' Call. As has been suggested, this call came by means of two very common agencies, viz., a bush and a voice. While Moses no longer depends upon his own strength yet he lacks that assurance and those credentials that will justify in his own sight, a return to the court of Pharaoh. "Who am I that I should go?" God's answer is, "Certainly I will be with thee." Moses need have no fear, nor need the Christian (Matt. 28:20). "If God be for us who can be against us?" Our commission which is from God is certain of ultimate success. There could be no possibility of failure for Moses is told that when deliverance is accomplished "ye shall serve God upon this mountain." Yet Moses is not satisfied for he remembers his previous experience with his kinsman (2:13, 14), what shall he say to them? In answer God gives Moses a name by which he shall be known "I am that I am," and further he is to tell them that he is the "Jehovah, the God of their fathers." God does not set before Moses a primrose path to follow. He plainly states that Pharaoh will object and that their deliverance will be wrought by a mighty hand.

IV. Moses' Response to the Call. We have seen that this call came "in" the midst of the common duties of daily toil; that it was "for" a definite, a specific purpose, deliverance from and deliverance to; this call came "by" God. A God, past, present, future. God a person, "I am," God, a power, "I will," but the call was "to" an agent. God works his purposes through man. "I will send thee." This agent had assurance, proper credentials, and was promised power, sufficient aid. Moses as this agent was a man of (1) humility (v. 11); (2) lacking in knowledge (v. 13); (3) lacking in confidence (Ch. 4:1); (4) lacking eloquence (4:10). V. The Teaching. We thus have presented a wonderful revelation of God. The unconsumed bush appealed to Moses. Filled to fullness with the flaming fire of God's glory it was still unconsumed, a suggestion of what the presence of God means either in a man or among a people. The visible is followed by the audible and there is brought to our attention the absolute purity of God, the infinite power of God, the marvelous patience of God, the overwhelming pity of God and the irresistible patience of God. Such infinite resources are at our disposal.

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## HOLLOWTOWN.

July 14, 1913.

Mrs. J. W. Morgan and Stella Hall attended the funeral of Jane Fite at Buford Sunday.

James Moler and family, of Sugar-tree Ridge, were guests of Joseph Gomla Saturday.

Louis and Willie Denny have returned to their home in Illinois after a week with their mother. Mrs. Wm. Lamonda. Mrs. Alta Bruce, of Illinois, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lamonda.

Miss Stella Hall spent Thursday at A. A. Hall's at Sardinia.

S. A. Marconet and wife and daughter, Fay, spent Sunday at John Fender's home.

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Miss Beulah Walker, of Greenfield, has been visiting relatives here.

Miss Ina Walker spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Verda Beatty.

Miss Clara Morgan spent Saturday night with her cousin, Miss Zella Barrackman.

Miss Maud Burris, of Miller's Chapel, is assisting Mrs. Grover Caplinger with her work.

Rev. T. C. Kerr filled his regular appointment here, Sunday.

Phillip Hook and wife, of Seaman, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Barrackman and daughter and granddaughter were the guests of Thomas Morgan and family, Sunday.

## SINKING SPRING.

July 14, 1913.

Charley Bawling and Alph Turley took an automobile trip to Masonville, Ky., last week.

Will Smith and family moved in with his father in law.

July 9 was the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Setty. The children celebrated it with a fine dinner and music. There were over 100 in attendance.

Patterson graduates, July 5, rendered a fine selection of orations. There were ten in the class.

Children's services at Conaway Chapel was well attended. They all did fine and much credit is due the trainer, Rev. Clyde Howard.

## EAST MONROE.

July 14, 1913.

Several new automobiles have been purchased by those living in this vicinity recently, among those who purchased are: W. G. Bowers, J. V. Cowman, Austin Haines and Frank Stokes. H. M. Fishback and Alfred Rees have motorcycles.

J. W. Durnell and family, of Cincinnati, spent several days last week the guests of relatives here.

Alvin Ward, of Cleveland, was a recent guest with relatives here.

Frank Littler and family spent Sunday with relatives at New Petersburg.

C. W. Thompson our progressive merchant is building a two story building for his business, the old room not being large enough. The work is being rushed and the building will be completed as soon as possible.

Mark Haines and wife, of Greenfield, spent Sunday visiting here.

Austin Haines and wife were visitors in Washington, C. H., Saturday.

The silk industry in Italy employs 100,000 operatives, operates 62,000 basins, 1,500,000 spindles and 19,000 looms; 40 per cent located in Lombardy, 40 per cent in Piedmont and Venetia, and the remainder in Central and Southern Italy.

"Nothing, it seems to me, looks as unimportant as a bridegroom at a wedding."

"Have you ever noticed a governor when he was surrounded by the uniformed members of his staff?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Japan has nearly 50,000,000 people.

The judicious payment of bounties for fresh cocoons and spinning, and above all, instruction in practical sericulture in elementary schools, as well as agricultural colleges, are today recommended as the most efficacious means of combating the decline of sericulture in France.

"Baseball is civilizing the Filipinos."

"Good! When it gets through with that job I hope it will come around and civilize some of the crowds who throw bottles at the umpire."—Washington Star.

England, Germany and Belgium have long recognized the value of utilizing the dust of coal in making fuel briquets and the industry in those countries is of great proportions, millions of tons being produced and sold annually.

## SHUN FRAYED COLLARS.

They Are Apt to Irritate the Neck and Cause Carbuncles.

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A carbuncle is a breaking down of the tissue caused by the germs called streptococcus and staphylococcus. These are the principal but by no means the only pus producing germs. They eat and break down the tissues. The white corpuscles of the blood rush to the spot and try to devour the attacking bacteria. Millions of them perish in the attempt, and pus is really a mixture of dead white corpuscles and germs that are exuding virulent poisons.

Carbuncles select the back of the neck so often because of the irritation caused by the collar if this be slightly frayed or roughened by careless laundering. The back of the neck is almost as much exposed to dirt as are the backs of the hands and needs washing almost as often. The rubbing of the collar scrapes off the scaly surface of the skin, which is its protection against germs of disease. This being gone, the germs enter unopposed.

A collar button pressing constantly on the one spot may produce the same effect.

And in a few days you are going around with a bandage on your neck and suffering awful torture. Fortunately the doctors have discovered an antitoxin that quickly cures carbuncles. Yet even when this is administered the patient is doomed to much pain.

The moral of all this is: Don't wear a collar that is the least bit frayed.—New York World.

## HER SCHEME FAILED.

Plight of a Singer Who Yearned to Captivate Ludwig II.

King Ludwig II. of Bavaria had a wonderful winter garden at Munich, which was built on the roof of the residence. There was also an artificial lake with a painted panoramic background of the Himalaya mountains, and when the king sat in the garden a "property" moon shed its gaseous light above the snow capped peaks.

The king used often to command artists from the theater to perform in the winter gardens, and I remember the fate which befell Josephina Schefsky, a large, tall woman, whose one wish in life was to attract Ludwig's notice. As all singers sang hidden behind screens, Josephina's chances of meeting the king face to face were exceedingly small. But what woman is ever at a loss for an expedient? She knew how chivalrously romantic Ludwig could be on occasions, so she decided she would fall into the lake and entreat him to rescue her.

The eventful evening arrived. Josephina warbled her sweetest for the benefit of the listening monarch and when the song was over plunged heavily into the lake.

There was a tremendous noise, and the water splashed to the topmost summit of the "Himalayas," but the lady remained chin deep in the lake, whose still waters were not so deep as they looked. "Save me, save me, Lohengrin!" cried the agitated singer.

The king rang the bell. "Get that woman out of the lake and send her home," he commanded, and the dripping Josephina, sadder and wiser, walked out of the water and out of the residence forever.—Countess Marie Larisch.

## A Letter For Schiller.

Schiller once received a letter which took five years to reach him. In 1793 the national convention created the author of "The Robbers" a French citizen as a tribute of admiration for the revolutionary ideas expressed in that work. The clerk charged with the dispatch of this civic diploma addressed the cover to "Citizen Giller," and Schiller did not receive it until 1798. On its receipt he wrote: "This document has come to me from the kingdom of the dead. Danton and Clavierne attested it. The covering letter is signed by Roland. All three have passed away."—London Chronicle.

## Defining the Oyster.

"Now," asked the teacher, "who can tell me what an oyster is?" Silence for a moment, while small brows were knit in strained effort at remembrance. Then little Tommy's facial muscles relaxed, and eagerly he raised his hand. "I know!" he triumphantly announced. "An oyster is a fish built like a nut."—Everybody's.

## She Smacked of Books.

"They tell me you kissed Miss Sonnet, the poetess, on yesterday's automobile excursion."

"Yes. That is true."

"Indeed! And how did you—ah—find her?"

"Miss Sonnet has a marked literary taste."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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A. E. Wilkin and wife and children, Maud, Harold and Ira, spent Sunday with Pete Saum and family.

Ira Cadwallader and family spent Sunday with Samuel Wilkin and family.

Mrs. Ed. Moberly and son, Roy, spent Saturday and Sunday in Cincinnati and was accompanied home by her daughter, Alberta, who will spend a week at home.

Misses Dortha Wilkin, Wilda Lewis and Mabel Cadwallader and Arnold and Hugh Wilkin were the guests of Miss Vinta Mason, of Lynchburg, Sunday.

Chas. Elliott, of Hillsboro, visited Jane Smith and family Sunday.

Mack Haynes and family, of Hollowtown, enjoyed Sunday with Herman Layman and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. David Saum and daughter, Maggie, and Pete Saum and family spent one day last week with B. G. Millner and wife.

Oscar King and wife and son called on Clark Cadwallader and wife Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davidson, Mrs. Amanda Roush and Gail Davidson spent Tuesday with Ed. Moberly and family.

Mrs. Mary Walker returned to her home in Hillsboro Saturday after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clark Cadwallader.

Owen Roush and family spent Sunday with Will Thompson and family at Dodsonville.